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### TO THE SIR KNIGHTS OF TEXAS

This month we are getting ready to experience "March Madness", This generally refers to the Basketball Games being played around the country. It's exciting to see our favorite teams in competition with others. Competition in sports is what makes sports so exciting. We enjoy the teamwork that is required to win the games and advance our team to the top.

However, competition within our Fraternity is NOT something to be desired! Teamwork, yes! Competition, no! We realize that Teamwork can work for us in all bodies of Masonry if we join all our resources to accomplish together what we cannot as individuals. Yes, I know, "SYNERGY" has become a household word this year! But this is something we must do to promote Templary!

Now, competition is another story. We do not need, no we cannot permit, competition among the various bodies of Freemasonry. A large percentage of us belong to the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, and the Shrine, and other appendant Masonic bodies. Let's not be found promoting one against the other. This only hinders our efforts for increased membership. Some will find their area of interest in one body or another, but all bodies have certain lessons that are taught in the degrees, and all are important. Let's promote the various charities that the different bodies support, regardless of the area we are most interested in. Teamwork, Yes. competition, No!

Now, I believe I have saved perhaps the best example of "Synergy" for my last article in the Knight Templar magazine. That is the building of King Solomon's Temple.

Here is synergy in action. King Solomon is known for his wisdom! He utilized the talents of Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abif, to accomplish the many aspects of the construction. They, in turn, used the many skills and talents of the thousands of workmen to build that magnificent Temple. They used "SYNERGY" to accomplish together, what one man could not do alone. Let's all learn from this lesson!

And once more, I cannot help but mention the need for visibility in our fraternity. The more the public sees us out in the community doing some public service or lending a helping hand, the more good recognition we will receive. We must become more visible. And the more visible we become, the more we must realize that, because we are visible, we must conduct ourselves according to the principles we profess to believe in. Be proud! Be visible! Always remember, as Templars, We are Christian Masons!

In His Service

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## Dates to remember

March 24th- York Rite festival Chap/Council and Commandry Orders. Registration 6:30 AM conclude at 4:30 PM. Lunch served. St. Johns Masonic Lodge #53 323 W Front st. Tyler, Texas Contact John Andrews 903 566 1163. Courtesy Candidates welcome.

April 13-16 The 154th Annual Grand Conclave  
will be held in Abilene, Texas  
**MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND**